

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM
Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and also Monday
Holidays.

PARISH EMAIL & Bulletin Announcements

stphilipstjude@gmail.com

PARISH WEBSITE

<https://saintphilipct.com>

NEW PARISHIONERS

We are delighted to welcome you and encourage you to register by filling out a registration form or emailing the office.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	11:00 a.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m.

CONFESSION

Saturdays 3:30-4:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

Please call the office for information on Baptism, Marriage, and Pastoral Visits.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sundays in the Parish Center

St. Philip's is Handicap Accessible



February 19, 2023
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 †**Mass Schedule and Intentions**†

Sat Feb 18, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession
Sat Feb 18, 4:30 pm Mass: *Blessed Virgin Mary*

For Our Parish Intentions

Sun Feb 19, 9:00 am Mass
 † **Evelyn Dagon** by *David & Deren Dagon*
 † **Jimmy Clifford** by *Roger & Mary Bowen*
Sun Feb 19, 11:00 am Mass
 † **Rudolph Supina 17th Anniversary** by *The Family*
 † **Dr. Dominick Roto, Sr.** by *Ralph Yulo*

Tues Feb 21, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Peter Damian*
 † **Helen Hurley** by *Jim & Cecile Hurley*

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wed Feb 22, 8:00 am Mass with Ashes
Wed Feb 22, 12:00 Noon Ashes Only
Wed Feb 22, 7:00 pm Mass with Ashes
Thu Feb 23, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Polycarp*
 † **Kay Udal** by *the Udal Family*

Jason Wellings, Jr. for his well-being
 by *Caroline Doughty*

Fri Feb 24, 8:00 am Mass:
Adoration following Mass; **Benediction 12:00 noon**
 † **Peter Ellsworth** by *Wes & Paula Vincent*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at St. Philip
will be on Fridays during Lent at 6pm.



All are invited for soup,
 bread and crackers in the Parish
 Center after Stations.



Fri Feb 24, 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Sat Feb 25, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession
Sat Feb 25, 4:30 pm Mass: *Blessed Virgin Mary*
Sun Feb 26, 9:00 am Mass
 † **Will Navratil** by *Bill and Roxanne Navratil*
Sun Feb 26, 11:00 am Mass
 † **George P. Nagy, 2nd Anniversary** by *The Nagy Family*
 † **Marguerite & Gene Sgro** by *Ralph Yulo*

If you have a Mass Intention for a loved one, please bring up the gifts during that Mass.

Please note: If during Mass you need the Eucharist brought to you, please raise your hand after Communion so the Eucharistic Minister can bring Communion to you at your seat.



Coffee and Donuts in Parish Center after 9:00 am & before 11:00 am Sunday Mass!
 Church open: Mon-Thurs, 9:30-2:30 & Fri Adoration.



Office closed Monday, Feb 20 ~ Presidents' Day.

THE PRAYER BASKET is for your special intentions to be placed on the altar during Mass.



Our American flag is flying during February in memory of

Walter J. Pudelkiewicz,
WWII Merchant Marines, Radio Officer.

PRAYER LIST: For current requests please call 860-429-2860 or email stphilipstjude@gmail.com.

PRAYER LIST: Cheryl Baxter & daughter, Seth Beebe, John Bergeron, Sr., Ed Borowski, Bruce Ceramicole, Helen Donnelly & Family, Toni Doughty, Kyle Ernst, Myles Gratton, P.J., Marie James, Joyce H., Patrice Lucas, Ray McCaughey, Jackie Mozzicato, Jesse Narwicziks, Laura P., M.P., Bob Ogden, Terry Perkins, Marsha Peters, Pauline Picard, Emil Poirier, Heather Poulin, Dawn Pringle, Patrick Pringle, Karen Ravenelle, Skyler Sherman, Maureen Smith, Patrick Stenglein, Mason Studley, Ruth T., Phil Tripoli, Mary Jane Tynan, J.W., Terri Warren, Sara Zeumer.



CHOIR REHEARSAL Sun, Feb 19, 6:30pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Carla Harrington is our Religious Education Coordinator.
 Email: carlaharrington8@gmail.com.

No Classes today. Please Note: the next CCD Class for grades 1-6 will be on March 12.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Sun, Feb 19 Attend and sign in at 11am Sun Mass. No Class today.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Tues Feb 21, 10 am Parish Center.



BOY SCOUTS: Tues Feb 21, 7pm Parish Ctr.

ADULT EDUCATION WITH ED CONLAN
 "Catholic Beliefs and Practices." Masks and social distancing requested. All are welcome.

Wed Feb 22, 10am Parish Ctr. Topic: Scripture overview.

BLESSED MOTHER'S STITCHERS: meet **Feb 28, 10:00 am** in the Parish Center.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Tues, Mar 7, 7pm.

Join us Sunday mornings for the **Children's Rosary Prayer Group.** Doors open at 8:20 am and Rosary begins at 8:30 am.



The children's Rosary Prayer Group is composed of and led by children. The Rosary is a powerful prayer, second only to the Mass. Our Lady wants our children and parishioners to know how to pray and experience the powerful strength and graces of the Rosary. The group is geared for those 3 -15 years old, but all are welcome to join us in praying. Bring your Rosary or use those provided. Text Donna @ 860-617-8567 with any questions.



St. Augustine Hymnal: **Year A ~ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Scripture readings begin on **page 899.**



**ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH
CONFIRMATION STUDENTS 2023**

Please pray for the confirmation students who will be confirmed March 4th at St. Luke Church, Ellington.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Confirmation Name</u>
Jotham Burrello:	<i>Luke</i>
Kylie Margaret Doyle:	<i>Veronica</i>
Meaghan Elizabeth Doyle:	<i>Valerie</i>
Ava Ann Draczynski:	<i>Laura</i>
Taylor Ella Draczynski:	<i>Rose</i>
Riley Marie Fusco:	<i>Elizabeth of Hungary</i>
Sofia Giulia Girardi:	<i>Theresa</i>
Vincenzo Raffaele Girardi:	<i>Jude</i>
Logan Joseph Greenwood:	<i>Patrick</i>
Landon Shea Laughlin:	<i>Michael the Archangel</i>
William Joseph Petrella:	<i>Anthony</i>
Kyle Sepe:	<i>Michael</i>
Lauren Trotta:	<i>Gemma Galgani</i>
Phillip Trotta:	<i>Michael the Archangel</i>
Alexander Joseph Vertefeuille:	<i>Peter</i>
Ellie Mae Vertefeuille:	<i>Colette</i>
Pola Wysocki:	<i>Faustina</i>
John Bernard Zulick:	<i>George</i>

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CORNED BEEF DINNER

March 11, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

at the St. Philip Parish Center

\$16 - adults age 16+

\$10 - ages 9-15

free - age 9 and under

Take out is available.

Sponsored by St. Philip the Apostle Church.

Proceeds to benefit St. Philip the Apostle Church.

Tickets will be sold starting February 18th after all Masses and in the Parish Office Mon-Thurs, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Please make checks payable to:

St. Philip the Apostle Church.

Snow date is Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 3 pm.



REMINDER: If you do not currently use our church envelopes and would like an end-of-the-year statement, please register in our parish and include your check or cash in an envelope with your name and address on it. We need this information for our software program. Thank you.

VIRTUAL LENTEN MISSION

The Virtual Lenten Mission is an opportunity for us to deepen our faith, take time for reflection, and pray. We invite you to join us to enhance your Lenten Journey. The mission will begin on Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00 – 7:45 pm and continue weekly with the last session on Thursday, March 30th. To register, contact Marianne at (860) 848-2237 ex. 304 or email her at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net.



YEAR-END TAX REPORTING

If you would like a printout of your financial contribution to St. Philip Church for the year 2022, please fill out this coupon and place it in the collection basket.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Envelope # _____

Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program:

For Lent For Life



On Ash Wednesday, Feb 22, 2023, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). For 50 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe. Money saved during Lent is then brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023, 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.

CONFIRMATION NEWS:

Any adult that desires to receive Confirmation in the Spring, will have the following options available for preparation:

1. Attend six classes at the Parish Center following the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday.
 2. Complete a self-directed homeschooling program. The Parish provides a workbook.
- Any further questions, please call the Parish Office at 860-429-2860.

Our condolences to the family of **Mr. Fiore DiMarco**, father of Rev. Anthony DiMarco, Parochial Vicar at St. Brendan the Navigator Parish-St. Joseph Church and St. Mary, Star of the Sea in New London, St. Paul Church in Waterford, CT, and Our Lady of Grace Church on Fishers Island, New York. Mr. DiMarco died on Tues, Feb 14, 2023, in Pennsylvania.



The Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference **VIRTUAL BASKET RAFFLE** will be live beginning February 20 and culminate on Sunday, April 2 at midnight. Go to <https://go.rallyup.com/2023baskets> today to view 17 lovely baskets, chances are only \$1 each! Winners will be notified April 3. Questions? Call the Office of Faith Events @ 860-848-2237, Thank you!!

VIRTUAL PROJECT RACHEL ROSARY

The third Thursday of each month at 3pm, pray the Project Rachel Rosary online with the Office of Faith Events. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on ending abortion and healing for those who have been involved in an abortion. Our next Rosary will be Feb. 21st, please join us:

Meeting link: <https://bit.ly/316zdeG>

Meeting number: 132 917 2663

Password: Rosary

Or Join by phone: 1-415-655-0001

Access code: 132 917 2663

Couples' Happy Hour – The next virtual Couples' Happy Hour will be Friday, March 10 from 7-8 P.M. Make your relationship a priority by joining other couples for an evening that will include a presentation on a topic relevant to today's couples. Couples will have time to share privately on questions pertinent to the night's topic. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net. If you have registered for past Happy Hours, you will automatically receive a link for the March hour.

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:

Congratulations to **St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Ashford** for surpassing your goal! The final amount donated was **\$29,994.89** with **32%** of parishioners donating. We truly appreciate your sacrifice. We are greatly blessed to report that the generous donations made to the 2022 ACA made it possible to exceed our 2022 goal! Total donations collected were \$2,741,966.24 which is \$41,966.24 over the \$2,700,000 goal. A special thank you to the Rossi Foundation and the Padre Pio Foundation of America for matching 50% of the donations made Oct - Dec 15th. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. Our new 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family" campaign is set to begin. For more information or to donate, please contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

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Ads may be submitted each year in July and January to the Parish Office email:

stphilipstjude@gmail.com. If you or someone you know would like to advertise and support the Church bulletin, please let us know.



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The Norwich Office of Faith Events invites you to join them (*virtually*) Friday nights in Lent to pray the **Stations of the Cross** through a different focus each week.

- ❖ February 24: Through the eyes of the suffering, ill and disabled
- ❖ March 3: Through the eyes of the bereaved
- ❖ March 17: Through the eyes of seniors
- ❖ March 24: Through the eyes of the family
- ❖ March 31: Through the eyes of social justice

The stations will begin at 7 pm. The stations take place online and requires participants to have an internet connection. Registration is required. You can register for just one evening or all six. To register Call Mary-Jo McLaughlin, at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net. **Note, we will not be holding the stations on Friday, March 10.**

THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL- THE EUCHARIST, DID YOU KNOW? The Eucharistic Revival- The Eucharist, did you know?

Why do we call this Eucharistic presence “real”? The word real comes from a Latin word, res, realis which means thing. So, to identify this presence as real, “thing-like”, is meant to convey the sense that it is the presence of one “thing” to another, not just a fleeting change by an enduring reality, like the thing rather than its changing features.

Pope Paul VI explained the Church’s use of term this way. “This presence is called ‘real’- by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be ‘real’ too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say it is a substantial presence by which Christ, divine and human, makes himself wholly and entirely present” (Mystery of Faith, 1995). Used with permission from God’s Real Presence, by Steve Mueller. Published by Living with Christ. All rights reserved.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Leviticus says: "Be holy, for I, the Lord am holy." In Corinthians it says: "You are the temple of God, which is Holy, and the Spirit of God dwells in you." The Holy Spirit longs for you to have a loving nurturing relationship. Give your spouse the gift of a better relationship by applying for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience:

Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA

Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays.

Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

The 2023 Norwich Diocesan Women’s Conference will take on a new look this year as a ‘Ladies Night Out’ themed “Dinner with Jesus”, at the Inn at Middletown, CT, March 22, 6 pm. Bring your sisters, daughters, friends, and fellow parishioners to be inspired and fed in a deep and meaningful way with women from around the diocese. Our beloved and returning keynote speaker will be Julianne Stanz. Additionally, this year’s recipient of the Our Lady Queen of Hope Award will be announced, and a silent auction and online basket raffle will add to the fun! Tickets are \$75 and must be bought in advance, main course dinner options are broiled salmon or seared pork loin. To register go to <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y>. Don’t delay in reserving your space, seating is limited. For info call Marianne at the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237, ext. 304.

Please do not respond to any messages on the internet from Father Michael Giannitelli. He does not communicate via the internet. If you see anything that bears his name, it is fraudulent. Thank you.



RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND ~ If you are silently grieving or suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a **Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat**. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scripture with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is confidential and offers an opportunity to experience God’s love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats. For info, call Marie at 203-631-9030 or e-mail her at mloffin@prolifeministry.org; or visit the national website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

“PROJECT RACHEL” is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness from an abortion. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God’s Grace and Mercy. Call 860-861-4439. All inquiries are confidential.

Marriage Preparation Classes to Meet Virtually

With the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19, the Catholic Family Services Office will be offering virtual or one-on-one marriage preparation classes for engaged couples. Couples getting married should contact Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office to establish class dates. She can be reached Mon – Wed at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or email: mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

The Four County Catholic is now a bi-monthly magazine. So, you might miss some timely, weekly news and events going on across the Diocese. Get the latest news and announcements from around the diocese emailed right to your inbox. It's informative, it's weekly and it's free! ***Connecting area Catholics to church, faith and the common good with news, upcoming events and spiritual reflection, the new digital newsletter will keep you updated. Discover the good work being done in our two dozen ministries as well as learning about employment and volunteer opportunities. Sign up today!*** Your email address is safe with us. <https://www.norwichdiocese.org/newsletter>

Pregnant? Need help? CATHOLIC CHARITIES **Pregnancy and Adoption Programs** provide concrete help & answers. Call 1-800- BABYDUE, even if you simply want to talk.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE – If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For info, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email 3002r@retrouvaille.org or visit the national website at: <http://helpourmarriage.org>.

“WHY DON'T OUR ADULT CHILDREN ATTEND MASS?” REPLAY – Did you miss the virtual presentation of “Why Don't our Adult Children attend Mass?” with Deacon Dennis Dolan and Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services Coordinator? Don't worry, you can watch it again at your leisure from the comfort of your home by adding the link <https://bit.ly/3SR2slk> into your browser. Join Deacon Dennis and Mary-Jo as they explore the topic of adult children who stopped going to Mass. Listen to parents who are burdened by this knowledge as they reflect on the presentation. The session covers why adult children have chosen not to attend, options that may help you encourage them to come back to church, and time for prayer and reflection.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS/POSTULANTS

Take a Post Card from the vestibule for any or all of our seminarians/postulants. Pray, write a brief note if you choose and drop it in the mail. Let your future priests/sisters know you are supporting them and ask them to pray for you. May God continue to send us shepherds after his own heart.

A NOTE ABOUT PARISH REGISTRATION

If you regularly worship with us, we invite you to register with St. Philip parish. This allows us to provide accurate census data to the diocese. Registration forms (green) are in the vestibule. Please return them to the office. Thank you.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC CDs: We have lots of CDs

you can trust to provide correct Catholic teaching. Thank you for all your donations that help to keep the program going. Contact Donna Vertefeuille: 860-429-4508 or email donna@vertefeuille.org.



NORWICH DIOCESE Newsletter will keep you updated with news, upcoming events and spiritual reflection. Discover the good work being done in our two dozen ministries as well as learn about employment and volunteer opportunities. It's informative, it's weekly and it's free! Visit norwichdiocese.org/newsletter.

Caregiver resources and prayers are available through the Office of Faith Events. To receive **caregiver information** monthly, send your email address to manicholas@norwichdiocese.net and we will add you to the distribution list. If you know someone who could use support please add them to our distribution list.

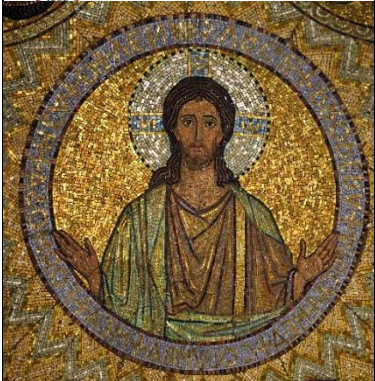
PARENTS DIVORCING AND/OR RESOLVING CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES Are you concerned about the effects of divorce, separation or family disruption on your children? **Catholic Charities offers ongoing, monthly one day Parenting Classes in Norwich, Rockville and Middletown. A monthly 2- part Spanish/bilingual parenting education class is held in Willimantic.** Attendance at both sessions is required for the certificate of completion. Fees are determined by the State of CT. Call 1-860-889-8346 x 260 info.

Natural Family Planning is scientific, safe, and is 99 % effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. For information, call Craig and Liz Schantz at 860-464-1184. www.ccli.org.

WHEN PLANNING YOUR ESTATE: Please consider putting St. Philip in your will as a way to be remembered while supporting the ongoing needs of the parish.

“Pay attention and come to me; listen, that you may have life.”

(Is 55:3 NABRE)



**Each day we let either the world or God’s Word shape our lives.
Who is influencing your life?
Whose voice are you allowing to shape who you are?**
The New England Catholic Biblical School offers accredited two-year and four-year certificates in Biblical Studies for adult learners and is now enrolling *virtual* classes for the 2023-24 academic year. Find out more at www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org, or contact us: catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org

DID YOU KNOW!?

Catholic Charities is a SNAP Outreach agency. We help with SNAP applications and redetermination of benefits in all four offices. For assistance, please contact a Catholic Charities office near you:

- 331 Main St., Norwich: 860-889-8346
 - 28 Huntington St., New London: 860-443-5328
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March 1, 2023

7- 8:30 PM

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Presented by Father Ray Introvigne

“I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe, plans to give you a future full of hope. When you look for Me, when you go to pray to Me, I will listen to you. When you look for Me, you will find Me. Yes when you seek Me with all your heart, you will find Me with you, says the Lord and I will change your circumstances.”

Jeremiah 29: 11- 14b



Any Questions or concerns contact the Office of Faith Events Ahoisl@norwichdiocese.net

2023 New England Youth Choral Festival & Mass



Saturday,
March 4, 2023

Cathedral of
the Holy Cross

1400 Washington St., Boston, MA 02118

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley,
Celebrant

Pueri Cantores, the national student choral organization of the Catholic Church, invites all parish and school treble and mixed voice choirs (grades 4-12) in the region to participate in a Festival & Mass.

Singers will unite with hundreds of their peers as one combined choir to sing beautiful music from the Church's rich historical repertoire.

More information will be available soon at
www.pcchoirs.org.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE INVITES YOU TO



Dinner with Jesus

Keynote Speaker Julianne Stanz,
author of "Start With Jesus"

Join us for an evening out filled with faith, and
fellowship as well as basket raffle and silent auction.



The Inn At Middletown, Middletown, CT

March 22, 2023 at 6pm



Tickets are \$75, to purchase go to <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or
contact Marianne Nicholas at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

Andrea Hoisl Director
Mary-Jo McLaughlin
Catholic Family
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Liza Roach
Youth Minister
Marianne Nicholas
Administrative
Assistant

UPCOMING
2022 -2023
EVENTS:

- Dec. 1, 6, 8, Awakening Program, Middletown.
- Dec. 6, 13, 20, Virtual Advent Mission, 7 P.M.
- Dec. 4, Unbound Program, St. Mary, New London, 3-4:30 P.M.
- Dec. 11, Healing Mass, Church of the Holy Family, Hebron, 2-4 P.M.
- Dec. 20, Virtual Project Rachel Rosary, 3 P.M.
- Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, Virtual Adult Confirmation Program, 7 P.M.
- Jan. 12, Brothers in Christ virtual meeting, 7 P.M.
- Jan. 13, Virtual Couples Happy Hour, 7-8:30 P.M.
- Jan. 15, Virtual Bingo, 3:30-5 P.M.
- Jan. 17, Virtual Project Rachel Rosary, 3 P.M.
- Jan. 21, Cantor Training Workshop, St. Patrick Cathedral, 10 A.M.– noon

Office of Faith Events



Enriching the Faith of Youth, Young Adults, Adults, and Families

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DECEMBER 2022 JANUARY, FEBRUARY 2023



Eucharistic Revival Is a Blessing for All



The three-year Eucharistic Revival initiated by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops is a great blessing for all of us. It is a period of time set aside to help us focus on the greatest gift given to us by Jesus himself at the Last Supper – the holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is the gift of His body and blood that we can all receive daily to give us strength, hope, peace, and joy.

How are you enriching your spiritual life – coming to know Christ on a different level? What are you doing to educate yourself on the Eucharist and its significance in your life? How are you personally celebrating this gift? Our office is offering many opportunities both virtual and in person that center on the Eucharist as the real presence of Christ in our lives. We encourage everyone to take advantage of these programs between now and June so that you can experience Christ in new and meaningful ways.

In June the first of the three-year “rollout” will be completed. At that time, parishes will then continue the Eucharistic revival with a year of offerings at the parish level.

Know that you, your families, and your ministry are in our continued prayers.

~Andrea Hoisl, director, Office of Faith Events

Marriage Preparation Classes Dates, Locations Set for 2023

The Catholic Family Services Office is offering Marriage Preparation Classes for engaged couples preparing to receive the Sacrament of Marriage. Each class gives engaged couples an understanding of the Church’s vision of marriage and sexuality and provides a forum for couples to share and discuss challenging questions about their relationship.

Classes meet on Saturdays and generally run from 8:30 to 4 P.M. Upcoming 2023 dates at various locations throughout the diocese are: January 7, (with a snow date of Jan. 21) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Gales Ferry; March 4, (with a March 28,



snow date), at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Coventry, May 6, at St. Mary, Portland; June, 24 at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Coventry, August 26 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Gales Ferry;

and November 11 at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich.

The cost for each class is \$75 per couple. Registration is required and space is limited in each class so register early to secure your spot. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

UPCOMING
2023 EVENTS:

- Jan. 25– Feb. 15, Virtual Book Club, 6:30– 7:30 P.M.
- Jan. 22, Young Adult Mass, St. Thomas Aquinas, Storrs, 7 P.M.
- Feb. 9, Brothers in Christ, online, 7 P.M.
- Feb. 21, Virtual Project Rachel Rosary, 3 P.M.
- Feb 26, Rite of Election, Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich.

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God's love*

If you are carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions, call

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a post-abortion healing ministry. All calls are confidential.

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Office Sponsoring Virtual Adult Confirmation Program

The Office of Faith Events (OFE) is sponsoring a virtual Adult Confirmation Program for practicing adult Catholics (18+) seeking the sacrament of Confirmation, who have been baptized, have received their first Holy Communion and have been educated in the Catholic faith through Catholic Schools or Catholic religious education programs.

The program presents an overview of the essentials of the Catholic Faith, focusing on immediate catechesis for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation. It is a program of adult faith formation that combines presentations, group discussion, reflection, and prayer. The sessions will cover Sacred Scripture and Tradition, the Creed, prayer and spirituality, the Church, morality, Catholic social teaching, and the Sacraments of Initiation.

It will take place in six virtual sessions on Tuesday nights at 7 P.M. January 3, 10 17, 24, 31 and

February 7.

Participants should be active Catholics who belong to a parish in the Norwich Diocese and attend Mass regularly. It is not for adults who are unbaptized, or are baptized but are not practicing Catholics. People in those instances would better benefit from participation in their parish's RCIA process. Registrants should have received the first two sacraments of initiation – Baptism and First Communion – and be free to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

A pastor's permission is required to participate in this program. Registration forms are available from your pastor or parish Catechetical leader. Other documentation required include copies of your Baptismal and First Communion Certificates and, if married, a copy of your Catholic Marriage Certificate. Forms and documentation should be given to your pastor who will forward the materials to the OFE.



Upcoming Faith Event Programs Offer Enriching Experiences for All Ages



Couples Happy Hour

The next virtual Couples' Happy Hour is Friday, January 13. The evening will include a presentation on topics relevant to today's couples, their relationship, and families. Couples will have time to share privately on questions pertinent to the evening's topics. There is no cost to participate but registration is required. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net. A link to the program will be sent a few days prior to the event. If you have previ-

ously registered, you will automatically receive the link.

Brothers in Christ, Men's Faith Group

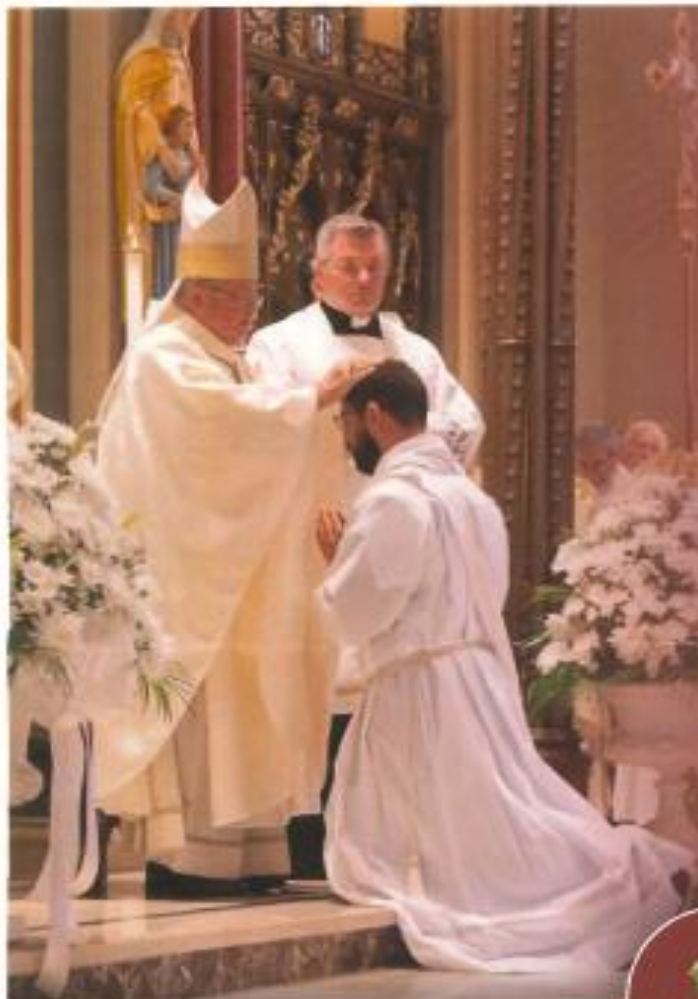
Brothers in Christ is both a virtual and in-person group of men who share faith, witness, Scripture, and discussions. Sessions meet the second Thursday of each month from 7-7:45 P.M. with the exception of three in-person church events. Upcoming virtual dates are January 12 and February 9. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, register by emailing Liza

Roach at

lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237 Ext. 305.

Young Adult Mass

St. Thomas Aquinas, Storrs, is hosting the Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass and Reception on Sunday, January 22 at 7 P.M. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Cote. All Young Adults (ages 18-39, single and married) are invited and encouraged to attend and invite friends to join us. Following Mass, there will be a small reception in the Parish Hall.



2022-2023 VOCATIONS HOLY HOURS

Join us each month to pray a Eucharistic Holy Hour for vocations led by Bishop Cate. These hours of adoration are a wonderful opportunity to pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life, to pray for our seminarians, and for our priests and religious already serving our diocese.

*Holy Hours begin at 6 p.m.

2022

August 11	St. John, Old Saybrook
September 15	St. Catherine of Siena, Preston
October 20	Our Lady of Lourdes, Gales Ferry
November 30	St. Joseph, Rockville
December 15	Christ the King, Old Lyme

2023

January 19	SS. Peter & Paul, Norwich
February 16	St. John, Montville
March 16	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Quaker Hill
April 20	St. Philip, Ashford
May 11	St. Andrew, Colchester
June 22	Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich
July 20	St. Mark, Westbrook



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JOHN 13:15

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